The Corporations are released equity share contribution during the year after taking into account their annual loaning and unspent balances with them.

(d) The Corporation utilize the funds available with them for disbursement of loan to targeted persons. Their income is the interest recovered on the loans extended by them to the State Channelising Agencies and on term deposits of the surplus funds with them. It is **a** fact that falling interest rate on term deposits has had an adverse impact on their income. The Corporation are expected to increase their income through wider coverage of the target group and improved recovery from the State Channelising Agencies.

Budget allocation for tribal affairs

2064. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the Budget allocation made during the last three years;

(b) the schemes his Ministry directly take up and the schemes through the State Governments;

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the achievements; and

(d) the ways and means to be adopted to further improve and be more effective in dealing with the tribal problems and affairs?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The Budget allocated to this Ministry as per revised estimates during the last three years was as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
2001-02	1018.00
2002-03	1012.00
2003-04	900.00

(b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements the Schemes of this Ministry (as per Statement) through the State Governments and a few through the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). *(See* below,)

(c) The Ministry is generally satisfied with the achievements of these schemes.

(d) As mentioned above, the Schemes of this Ministry are implemented through the State Governments and a few through the NGOs. The funds under these schemes are released to the Departments incharge of Tribal Welfare in the State Governments, who are required to ensure that the funds reach the beneficiaries. However, in order to ensure that the funds released by the Ministry are utilized properly and the benefits of the schemes accrue to the tribals, this Ministry has taken several measures, which include:

(i) Utilisation Certificates are insisted upon as a pre-requisite for further release of funds;

(ii) Periodic progress reports regarding the status of implementation of schemes are obtained;

(iii) Central Government Officers undertake on the spot visits to the States/UTs for ascertaining the progress of implementation of schemes;

(iv) Meetings/conferences are convened at the Central level with State Secretaries of Tribal Welfare Departments to ensure timely submission of proposals, speed up implementation of schemes, and review physical and financial progress.

(v) At the State/field level, the agencies like Tribal Advisory Council, Project Implementation Committees of ITDP's and Panchayat Samities also monitor timely spending of funds and effective implementation of schemes.

(vi) To avoid delay in disbursement of funds by the State Plan/ Finance and Tribal Welfare Departments to the line departments/implementing agencies, the guidelines for allocation and utilization of SCA to TSP have since been revised with the provision of ITDA/ITDP-wise earmarking of SCA funds. It has been provided in the guidelines that all States/UTs should ensure that assessment of actual programmes/schemes implemented under TSP on the socio-

economic condition of the tribals covered under ITDP's MADAs, Clusters, PTGs, as the case may be, should specifically be undertaken.

Statement

Major Schemes/Programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes

1. Grant-in-aid to NGO for Scheduled Tribes including Coaching & Allied Scheme
2. Vocational Training Centres in Tribal Areas
3. Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets
4. Investment/Price Support to Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED).
5. Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development Corporations for Minor Forest Produce
6. Village Grain Banks
7. Development of Primitive Tribal Groups
8. Support to National/State Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporations
9. Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship, Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit of Scheduled Tribe Students
10. Scheme of Hostels for Scheduled Tribe Girls and Boys
11. Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas
12. Research Information & Mass Education. Tribal Festivals and Others
13. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP)
14. Grants-in-Aid under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution

Funds to State Governments

2065. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the grants given by Government to some States under Article 275 of the Constitution State-wise, during last three years;